

# Senate District B Senator

## Jesse Kiehl, Registered Democrat



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**AGE:** 46

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Anchorage

**SPOUSE’S NAME:** Karen Allen

**CHILDREN’S NAMES:** Tsifira & Adara

**OCCUPATION:** State Senator

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** Lifelong

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
Anchorage (birth-1998)  
Juneau (1998-present)

**EDUCATION:**  
Steller Secondary School, Anchorage  
B.A. Politics & Theater, Whitman College

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
State Senator, 2019-present  
Juneau Assemblymember, 2011-2019  
Legislative Aide, 2000-2018  
Juneau Human Rights Commission

Juneau Board of Equalization  
Intern, Gov. Tony Knowles, 1997  
Intern, U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens, 1996

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**  
Governor’s Council on Human Trafficking & Sex  
Trafficking, 2022  
Pacific Northwest Economic Region, 2019-Present  
UAS Campus Council, 2015-2019  
Board Member, Alaska Municipal League, 2014-2019  
Customer Service, Gray Line of Alaska, Summers  
1994-1995  
Bristol Bay Crewman, Summers 1991-1993

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**  
Cooking, Hiking, Theater, Hunting, Fishing, Target  
Shooting, & Reloading

**OTHER:**  
Congregation Sukkat Shalom Board, 2000-2006  
Volunteer religious school teacher, 2008-2016  
Volunteer coordinator for the Outdoor Skills & Safety  
Program in Juneau middle schools  
I also volunteer with Family Promise of Juneau.

**STATEMENT:**  
I’m honored to serve Southeast Alaska in the state  
Senate. I respectfully ask for the opportunity to keep  
working for our region.

There’s still a lot to do. I’ve pushed hard the past four  
years to build a sound fiscal plan for Alaska. That sounds  
dull, but it’s absolutely essential. A stable, predictable  
state budget will provide the things we all need from  
government, like fish biologists, regular ferries, good  
schools, public safety, and a PFD we can count on.  
Stability will let individual Alaskans plan and invest in  
businesses and our communities. But all of that takes  
balanced, stable revenues—it’s tough to make plans  
when you’re riding the oil price roller coaster.

In another term, I’ll keep working for Southeast  
communities. I’ll stay focused on protecting the capital,  
more regular ferry service, healthy fisheries for commercial  
and sport fishermen alike, and a sound tourism industry.

I was proud to help rewrite Alaska’s outdated sexual  
assault laws this year. I’ll stay focused on smart public  
safety. I’m also proud I helped boost K-12 funding after  
years of cuts. There’s a lot left to do there, too. I’ll keep  
leading on clean water issues, addressing the statewide  
PFAS pollution problem. And I’ll never quit working to  
reinstate real pensions for Alaska’s public workers, from  
teachers to Troopers to snowplow drivers.

It would be an honor to continue serving Southeast  
Alaska—and working for you.

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